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LUMINOUS PHENOMENON OVER THE LODDON

19/6/1976; 6.35 p.m.: Mrs. R. had finished milking and turned her cows out for the night in the back paddock of her farm at Glenluce, about 10 miles south of Castlemaine, in the Loddon Valley. A few minutes previously, her son, who lives on a farm about a half mile to the north, on the main road to Castlemaine, had just left her to drive back to his house. As she turned to walk back to her house from the paddock gate, Mrs. R. observed an object heading towards her that she described as like "a car's headlight on 'dim' and the same size". The object was moving in from the north east, a direction in line with a TV tower on Mt. Alexander, the summit of a range of low, thickly wooded hills on the opposite bank of the Loddon River. The view from her position was across cleared land interrupted by a belt of trees a little to the left of her line of sight.

While the object continued to approach, she was at the same time watching her son's car moving northward along the road. By the time the car had reached the turn from the road into his house, the object had reached a position above and a little to the right of the car. Now the object appeared to hover and wait while the son drove his car into the yard. In this hovering position the object was the colour of a car headlight, and its angular elevation was low enough (less than 5 degrees) for it to be seen against the background of the hill ridge two to three miles distant. Although she did not see the object above the ridge at any stage, she assumed that it must have approached by travelling over it.

The hovering lasted the time it took ("quite a few seconds") for her son to drive the few yards from the road to his house. As soon as his car lights went out, the object underwent a slight shape and colour change and proceeded slowly (estimated 5 - 10 mph) in steady level flight on what appeared to be a course due west. It was now whiter in colour and slightly elongated horizontally to become elliptical, and the witness described its appearance as exactly like that of a white football used in night matches she had seen on TV. The object's course now took it behind several tall trees (and at a lower elevation than their tops) perhaps a quarter of a mile away, and she watched it pass through the gaps between the trees, finally disappearing behind a thicker belt of timber. She moved towards her house hoping to gain a better vantage point to see the object again, but it did not reappear.

No sound whatever was heard during the sighting, which was estimated to last a total of 2½ minutes, and it was a perfectly clear starlit night (The moon, last quarter, had not risen). During each phase of its motion the object was constant in shape and light intensity, but nothing more than just a light could be seen. She immediately phoned her son to ask whether he had seen it, but he had neither seen nor heard anything unusual.

From observation of the terrain from her viewing position, the distance to the phenomenon can be estimated to be between a quarter mile (distance to the bank of trees) and 3 miles (distance to the background hilltops), indicating that it must have been at a very low altitude. The witness was unable to make a reliable estimate of the apparent angular size of the object, but judging from her description, it may have been of the order of a few feet in diameter.

Mrs. R. described her reaction as "one of intrigue and a rather chill feeling running up and down my spine on realising it was a UFO".

The immediate area is mainly sheep and cattle grazing country, consisting of low rolling hills. Between Castlemaine and Glenluce, pock marks from the old gold diggings are much in evidence, and we noted that a gold mine is currently in operation a couple of miles from Glenluce. Apart from this, and the TV tower, there are no industrial, military or technical installations known to us in the locality.

There appears to be no normal explanation for the sighting. No astronomical explanation seems possible, and a plane or helicopter must be ruled out because of the established proximity of the object and the absence of sound.

It transpired that Mrs. R. had made a previous UFO observation. The exact date was unknown, but she thought that it was two years before, at the same time of the year. She was a passenger in a car being driven by her daughter from Ballarat to Glenluce at about 6 p.m.:

"We came via Daylesford and were approximately two miles south of Guildford when all of a sudden this thing appeared and frightened the life out of us, just forward of the driver's side of the car, so that we could just see it ahead of us as we drove along. So you will see that it was not very high above us. It kept with us for about a mile, then off it shot right across the front of us and it would have been going in the direction of Newstead (towards the west). That object was like this:-



It seemed to have spears of light in rainbow colours sparkling from the object itself as well as from the 'tail' which trailed behind it. However, I remember at the time there were sightings of a strange object seen that same evening somewhere in the Bendigo area. ...Next day, over the radio, I heard the reports of the strange object being seen in more than one place up around the Bendigo area..."

After a report of Mrs. R.'s sighting appeared in the Castlemaine Mail for June 21, a farmer who had read the item decided to report a sighting he had made three days before the Glenluce incident. The Mail item, (June 23), briefly described the sighting made on June 16 at North Harcourt, about 7 miles north of Castlemaine.

The witness said that at 6 a.m. he sighted a "bright white light" which could not have been a star or aeroplane: "It appeared to be about the size of a cricket ball, was well above the treetops, and travelled from west to east. I watched it for about 10 minutes. I went to get my wife and we both watched it for another two or three minutes before going back inside".



The farmer pointed out to us where he had seen the object, which, although apparently above trees, was at a very low elevation, seen against the background of low hills a couple of miles towards the south west. The object had moved slowly for a short time, then hovered for a few minutes. The unusual light had seemed unexplainable to the farmer, who had lived in the area all his life, but from the little detail available, the sighting cannot be considered of much value.

After talking to the farmer we were approached by a young man living nearby, who, having heard that we were in the area investigating UFO reports, volunteered the information that he had seen a number of strange lights over past months at the back of his house at North Harcourt. He said that on several occasions, he had seen manoeuvring orange lights, which sometimes appeared to be only a few hundred yards away. He showed us a rocky outcrop behind his house over which he claimed to have seen the lights, a direction which overlooks an area of uninhabited bushland with no road access for several miles. We were only able to talk briefly with this man, and he could not give any dates or precise details. It is impossible to make any assessment from the information given.

#### ZOOMING LIGHT INCIDENT

While in the Castlemaine area we visited the home of one of the witnesses to an unusual incident which took place at 7.30 p.m. on July 13. The two witnesses were Miss G., 27, and Miss R., about 24, both of whom are nursing sisters. Only G., who lives near Bendigo, was available for interview, as R. lives interstate. The following statements by G. have been selected from a tape-recorded interview:

I was driving to Deniliquin with a girlfriend who was in front of me on a motorbike, and I was travelling behind in the Kombi van, and we'd got about 10 miles out of Rochester. The actual place where everything happened was clear paddocks - there were no trees or anything...

...We were travelling along the Midlands Highway towards Echuca, and I was concentrating on my girlfriend because she just started to run off the road, and for a few seconds I saw this single light coming towards us - but not taking any notice - just thinking it was another motorbike. And the next thing I knew she was in the ditch, and the bright light had followed her right across to the other side of the road as far as the gravel.

And then I jumped out of the Kombi van to see where it went, because at the same instant as seeing it go to the side of the road and force her off the road, it just swung around in front of the Kombi van and down the side of the road. I jumped out to see if it was a bike, but it wasn't. There were no lights or sound or anything following it. It was very big and bright ... white.... It would have been I would have thought about three feet in diameter when I really think about it...

...When we discussed it later - she'd watched it for a lot longer than I did. At that stage I was concentrating on her. There was absolutely no sound - no tail lights to go with it afterwards.

...According to her - she thought it was a car with one light only. Then as it got closer it moved in closer towards the white line in the road, and it travelled down the white line for quite some distance, and then it started gradually to come over to her - it wasn't a quick happening according to her - and then all of a sudden it just zapped, and that was when she decided to head for the hills...

...It lit up over to the paddock fence, it was that big and it was that bright...It was just a light - there were no beams or anything...She thought it was a giant truck, because it got bigger and bigger as it got closer and closer. Then all of a sudden it just went swish like that, and I'm sure that's when she accelerated, because there were acceleration marks on the gravel...

...I suppose you could say I was in the motion of putting the Kombi into neutral, watching the light, opening the door and jumping out, and as I jumped out, that was the last piece of light that I saw... I did have a wireless on, but I had turned it off - and actually I turned it off because there was a lot of static in the air (Just at that time). She had been watching this light for a good five minutes I think.

Miss G. said that although she had seen the light approaching for one to two minutes, she had not taken much notice of it, thinking it was a car or motorcycle light, since it appeared to be travelling at the correct height - about 2½ feet above the road. It was not until it made the sudden swerve to the left, then a sharp swerve back to her right, across the front of her vehicle, that she realised it was anything out of the ordinary. Miss R. was travelling only 20 to 30 yards in front of the van, and the whole sequence took place in a very few seconds. She said that the object disappeared right opposite the van door, just as she was in the act of opening the door. She said that she was astonished when it seemed to just blink out, and, looking back down the road in the direction it was heading, could see nothing at all, nor hear any sound.

Her first thought was to hurry to her friend's assistance, but it was quickly ascertained that no injury or damage had been done - in fact Miss R. had not dismounted from the bike.

The extremely puzzling thing to both women was where the object had gone. At the spot there were no traces left behind, such as smell, smoke, or marks on the road or on the ground. Miss G. said that she had been past the same spot several times since and could see nothing that might throw any light on the mystery. The immediate area consisted of grazing paddocks with barbed wire fences on both sides of the road. Strangely, said G., a car passed them, going in the direction they were facing, just as she was half way from the van to assist her friend, and she was surprised that it did not stop to offer some assistance. She seemed certain that had the object been a vehicle of any kind, the car must certainly have seen it, if not collided with it.



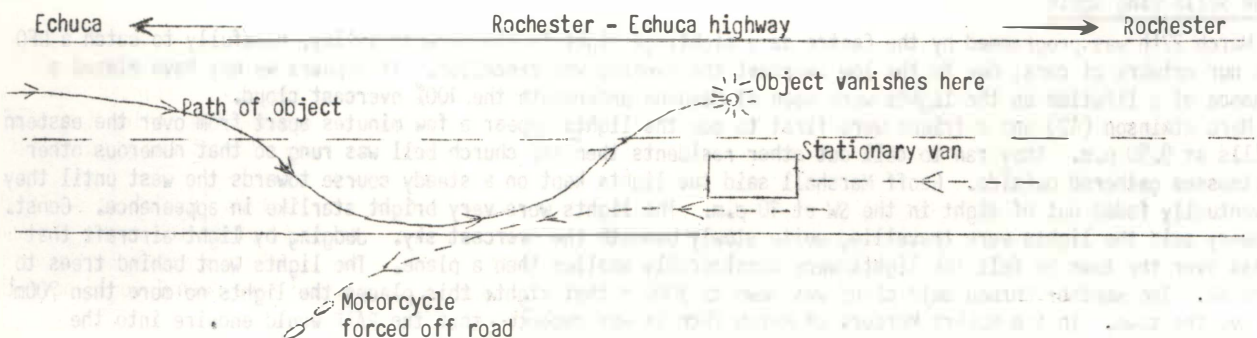
After regaining their composure and discovering that nothing was amiss, they were on their way again within a quarter of an hour. They reported no physiological effects due to the incident; however, their disturbed and puzzled state of mind persisted with them; so much so, in fact, that they both dreamed about the incident that night. When requested to complete the Society's sighting forms, G. said that at first they were reluctant to do so, as the incident "seemed so ridiculous".

The next day they travelled from Deniliquin to Melbourne, during which they noticed unusual difficulty in starting the van. It had to be push-started several times, and minor ignition and electrical problems have persisted ever since, despite a new starter motor being installed. (The van is a 1961 model) Whether these effects have any connection with the incident or are coincidental is impossible to say.

Miss G. claimed little prior interest in the subject of UFOs, and after listening to her relating the details for more than an hour, we came to the conclusion that she was a well-balanced individual, and unlikely to be fooled by something with an ordinary explanation. We discussed several suggestions, such as bicycle, free-wheeling motorcycle, etc., but she convinced us that she had not been fooled by any normal vehicle. She said that the light was bigger than a car headlight. Although she stated that it was about three feet in diameter, she later agreed that it was not a clearly outlined sphere, but a glowing mass bright at the centre and fading out towards the edges, and may possibly have been a smaller object appearing larger due to its luminosity.

We are unable to find an explanation.

- Ray Fischer.



Reconstruction of the incident, compiled from sketches by the witnesses.

#### REPORT FROM GIPPSLAND

Paynesville investigator, Dan Haylock, reports on a sighting at Nicholson, near Bairnsdale:

Witness, a truck driver, arrived home from a trip at 2.30 a.m. on May first. He was met by the dog in his driveway. The witness was patting the dog when he noticed a white undulating/swirling mass resembling fire flies hovering above a 50 foot gum tree on his farm. He watched for three minutes then went inside and brought his wife out to see. She looked in the wrong direction at first, then he flashed the torch on the object to show her. It immediately disappeared. It reappeared down the bottom of the gully about 200 yards further down the hill. This would mean a drop in altitude of 50 feet to the ground and a further hundred foot drop down the gully. The witness did not pursue it down the gully as it was late and the bracken is thick on the hill.

The witness has never seen anything of this nature before, and it does not appear to be of natural origin. He finds it very difficult to describe the swirling undulating mass which at the same time appeared substantial - he thinks that possibly it was the underside of something not visible in the darkness.

The speed at which it vanished amazed him. It vanished immediately he flashed the light in its direction, to reappear 30 seconds later 200 yards away. This caused the neighbour's dog to bark furiously, although his own took no notice of it.

I am sure that this sighting can be regarded seriously.

#### MORE MAYDNA SIGHTINGS

More moving lights have been seen in the Maydena area of Tasmania since those reported in the May Bulletin. From a report compiled by the Tasmanian UFO Investigation Centre (TUFOIC), 366 Huon Road, South Hobart, 7000:

#### A Fix on the Lights at Last

Just when everyone thought the lights had gone for good they returned on the evening of March 10th at 11.10 p.m., for a change they were travelling SW to NE. The witnesses were Mr. G. Sargison and Mr. I. Francombe, a Forest Operations Superintendent; neither had seen the earlier visits by the lights. Sargison saw the lights first. A lone light was seen coming from the SW and passing north of the town, he called out his neighbour Mr. Francombe, they then picked up a second light following, they were both orange coloured.

The lights were very bright pinpoint sources of light. Their speed was estimated at about 100 mph. It seemed the lights would be lost from view as they approached a cloud bank to the north. However, the lights passed beneath the clouds which had a base at about 1600 metres. They gained elevation as they went away to the NE and changed more to a whitish colour. By 11.20 p.m. the lights were too hard to follow.

Mr. Francombe telephoned a friend at Westerway, 18 km NE of Maydena; she confirmed when the Centre contacted her that she had been told to look out for the lights sometime before 11.30 p.m. On going out, the witness located the two lights in the NW over Mt. Field East (1270m). They looked like two yellow lights, one higher and closer, the second lower and further away. The closer light passed through or behind the clouds whilst the second light was always in view. They continued on a steady flight northwards until after five minutes or more they were too hard to discern. From the two reports it seems that the two lights passed north of Maydena heading to the NE then over Mt. Field East at roughly 1500 to 2000 m elevation.

#### Ellendale Also

That same night Mr. and Mrs. G. Triffit were driving home from Westerway to Ellendale at 12.45 a.m. (March 11) Mr. Triffit says they saw to the west in a densely timbered gully on Mt. Field East a round bright orange and red light. It was maybe 3 miles away. The light was going from orange to red all the time and was well below the skyline. They decided to stop and watch the light, after a few minutes they noted that it had started to move slowly up. Originally the light was matchhead sized, but with its movement it grew to one cent sized as if coming towards them. It was still below the horizon. About 15 minutes had passed by now, and Mr. Triffit said it was all becoming a bore so they left for home leaving the light behind. There was a lot of static on the car radio although this could have been due to high tension lines nearby.

#### The Bells Ring Again

March 27th was programmed by the Centre as a sightings night to the Derwent Valley, hopefully to catch a UFO in our network of cars; due to the low overcast the evening was cancelled. It appears we may have missed a chance of a lifetime as the lights were seen at Maydena underneath the 100% overcast cloud.

Marc Atkinson (12) and a friend were first to see the lights appear a few minutes apart from over the eastern hills at 9.50 p.m. They ran to call out other residents then the church bell was rung so that numerous other witnesses gathered outside. Geoff Marshall said the lights kept on a steady course towards the west until they eventually faded out of sight in the SW at 10 p.m. The lights were very bright starlike in appearance. Const. Lowery said the lights were travelling quite slowly beneath the overcast sky. Judging by light aircraft that pass over the town he felt the lights were considerably smaller than a plane. The lights went behind trees to the SW. The Weather Bureau said cloud was down to 3000 m that night; this places the lights no more than 700m above the town. In the Hobart Mercury of March 27th it was reported that the RAAF would enquire into the phenomena.

#### Sightings End?

The last two reports from the town have been from isolated witnesses who have seen the lights or light going away to the NE. On March 30th, after 10 p.m., three witnesses saw a light crossing SE behind Abbotts Lookout, it then reappeared moving back to the NW before halting briefly. Then the light moved away to the NE becoming smaller and smaller until it was too hard to pick up. It had been in view for 10 minutes. The larger than Venus sized light was orange on top and yellow below, but the colours kept changing as if the light was rolling. The last sighting was on April 14th at 9 p.m. This time a lone witness saw the two orange red lights for four minutes through broken cloud. They were travelling from SW to NE and looked starlike. They were finally lost above the clouds.

(Maydena, the location of a number of sightings between Feb. and Apr. 1976, is situated 58 km WNW from Hobart as the crow flies. The town of several hundred people is the centre of logging operations for the Australian Newsprint Mills. Maydena itself is in the Tayenna River Valley at an elevation of some 280m. To the north is Mt. Field National Park, a high country area of lakes and peaks up to 1400m. South east is the Maydena Range over 1000m high, Abbotts Lookout overlooks the town. There are, of course, extensive areas of forest around the town, public access to the same is by permit only. The new power lines from the Lake Pedder/Gordon power scheme pass over the Maydena Range a few miles to the south. The two new large lakes are roughly 30 km to the W and SW.)

#### MOTORISTS UPSET BY UNEXPLAINED HAPPENING

(Northern Daily Leader, Tamworth, NSW, 18/4/1976)

Murrurundi motorists write:

I am wondering if anyone can help us with an authentic explanation of the following happenings. We were parked in our car towing a caravan opposite the Nemingha Hotel under a street light. We were studying a road map to help us decide whether we should turn left or continue through Tamworth when all of a sudden a small white car with headlights on appeared on the road ahead. It was about 5.45 a.m. on March 22.

We stepped from our car hoping to ask the driver for directions when a bright light from above descended over the little white car. The light was greenish-yellow and it completely covered the car which was approaching the light from above disappeared (sic). The car, now well on its right side of the road, became enveloped in a thick white ball of white haze. The car was now stopped on its wrong side of the road.

It seemed like two minutes had passed before the white haze disappeared. A lady dressed in blue stepped from the car and with a yellow cloth proceeded to wipe the windscreen which seemed to be covered in a white substance.



After a few minutes she was about to get into the car when its lights came back on, she stared (as we did) then she threw the yellow cloth on the roadside, got back into the car and proceeded towards us. We watched as the cloth she threw away burst into flames. The car, now being driven very slowly, came towards us then took the road to Nundle. We also decided to take the same road, not wishing to go near the area where the car had been.

We can assure you this incident shook us up so much we continued our journey at 30 mph. A driver of a utility stopped beside us seeing the incident happen. He appeared very frightened. We noticed when the small car passed that it was covered in a thick, white substance not unlike white paint. The only part of the car not covered was where the windscreen wipers were working.

We gave this incident a lot of thought before writing this letter as we were so upset. The driver of the little car also must have been shocked as she continued her journey very slowly. Can anyone tell us what may have happened? Could this be the explanation why some very good drivers are killed in accidents? As this accident happened in minutes it could be the cause of many unexplained accidents. Luckily for the person driving the car the highway was free of traffic, except for ourselves and the truck driver who were both stopped. She may have been killed if the road had been busy.

Attempts to investigate this claimed incident were made by Bill Chalker, Sydney industrial chemist, and a consultant to ACOS. In a letter to the editor of the Tamworth Leader (29/6/76) he appealed to any reader with information on the incident to come forward, but he reports that as yet no further details have been forthcoming. In the letter he writes:

"...It may come as a surprise, but incidents of this type have occurred before, and often as not, are equally baffling in terms of strangeness. At this stage, I cannot offer an explanation, but I can point out that conventional atmospheric combustion reactions of the constituents of air do not produce precipitates like the white substance mentioned, under normal conditions. But I might add that the incident could hardly be considered as being normal. Any further information on this incident may help in providing an explanation for it..."

Mr. Chalker, a member of the Sydney group, UFOIC, has been very active in recent years in Australian UFO research, and he advises us that he is currently compiling a catalogue, international in scope, of "Close encounters with small aerial objects less than 10 feet in diameter". This would include accounts of "ball lightning", "ghost lights", such as "Min-Min" lights, explained or otherwise, and other similar events. Mr. Chalker invites any reader who may be able to supply details of any such cases to contact him at P.O. Box 1094, North Sydney, NSW, 2060.

Mr. Chalker graduated with an honours degree in industrial chemistry from the University of New England in 1974, and since then has been researching the UFO phenomenon all over Australia in his spare time. In a feature item in the Kempsey Argus (NSW), 10/6/1976, we learn that:

Chalker passed through Kempsey on Tuesday on his way to Grafton (his home town) where he will test a new electronic device. The device (tentatively valued by him at about \$1000) took him and his colleagues about a month to construct. It is called an electromagnetic frequency detector, and will be used to detect the strength of magnetic fields around UFOs. Chalker said: "We didn't want to call it a UFO detector because then people would think we were crazy searching for 'those things'. It is the first device of its kind to be used in this country, but has been used extensively overseas. The devices presently in use in Australia merely set off an alarm when a magnetic field is present. This alarm could be set off by anything, even a car going past..."

...It was not only the testing of his machine that brought Mr. Chalker to this part of the North Coast. He believes Kempsey is on a three-year cycle with UFOs - and this is the third year. He said experience and research in the Kempsey area had convinced him that it was usual to expect sightings in or around Kempsey in the April-June period.

One point he is trying to get across is that the sighting of "lights in the sky" is not necessarily the be all and end all of a UFO sighting. He said UFO landings on the North Coast were unusual. Witnesses would report seeing objects in the sky, but rarely would they report a landing. Also uncommon to the Kempsey area is the report of a close encounter. Mr. Chalker said it was the phenomena of close encounters he was most interested in...

...Chalker said often things would happen at the time of a sighting that the witness would not associate with the UFO. They might hear a noise or later find physical evidence of an unusual presence. Generally people were scared to report UFO sightings for fear of being ridiculed, but once someone else in their area spoke up, they were prepared to do so also...

#### UFO AFFECTS YACHTS?

(Derwent Valley Gazette (Tas), 13/5/76)

The Tasmanian UFO Investigation Centre is checking out a reported sighting of a silver round light which is believed to be connected with the malfunctioning of an automatic pilot on a yacht. The incident occurred on the evening of Sunday, April 25. A spokesman said a report was received from a yachting crew which was making its way back up the Derwent to Hobart. The crew reported that the light went off "like a TV set". The yacht, on automatic pilot at the time, went off course, and while the crew prepared to steer manually, the automatic pilot came on again. The automatic pilot was out of action for about two minutes...



MYSTERY LIGHTS OVER INLET PUZZLE WITNESS

(South Western Times, Albany, WA, 22/6/76)

Mystery pale-green fluorescent lights that sped noiselessly at a staggering velocity well beyond the speed of sound in the early hours of the morning have left Eaton man David Harris nonplussed. Mr. Harris saw the mystery lights while he was on maintenance work on Laporte pipeline that crosses Leschenault Inlet. He was alone in the blacked out inlet at 12.45 a.m. He had just made a check along the 4.8 km length of the pipeline from the plant because falling pressure in the line indicated that a leak might have developed.

So he began the return journey from the north side of the inlet to the midway point when he stopped for a rest. No shore lights showed. No moon showed. The cloud ceiling that more than hinted of rain was at, David estimated, about 6 km (20,000 feet). A restless wind whipped up troughs in the surface of the inky waters.

Then Mr. Harris saw a light. At first glance he thought it was from the Belvedere commune because while he was on the north shore he had seen the lights of a couple of motorcyclists in the sand dunes. But this riveted his attention. The pale green light, which had a peculiar fluorescent effect, sped from the NW into the inlet's northern air space, seemed to define two or three rapid circles and was then joined by two others - all the size of golf balls. They executed the same rapid circles, then in formation headed at shattering speed northwards towards Perth.

David estimates that the whole fly-past took two or three minutes. But he admits it might have been less. The high speed, which was far and away above the speed of any earth craft, left him shaken. "It unnerved me", he said. "I've never seen anything like it before in my life. The speed was fantastic. No aircraft as we know them could have attained that speed".

At 39, Mr. Harris has had paratroop experience in the U.K. and has had wide experience with aircraft throughout the world. What further puzzled him was that the lights appeared amorphous - they had no definite shape. Nor could he see their reflection in the inlet waters. But the cloud base reflected their light.

He could see no sense or design in the peculiar aerobatical turns over the inlet, executed with such incredible rapidity. "I have thought about it a lot", he said. "These lights varied from 20 to 40 degrees elevation. They had no shape that I could fix on. They weren't flying saucers. But they were not of this earth".

Eddie Dorant, who has filed a report from Mr. Harris for the Unexplained Phenomena Investigation Bureau (UPIB), commented: "I consider this a very good sighting". Mr. Dorant, who has dealt with several reports of sightings of unexplained phenomena recently, said that Mr. Harris had filled in details of the sighting with a positiveness that would give investigators something to work on....

UFO SPOTTED BY HADSPEN COUPLE

(Launceston Examiner, 30/6/76)

A Hadspen man and his wife last night reported watching an unidentified flying object for about 20 minutes through binoculars and the telescopic sight of a rifle. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Le Fevre described the object as a bright silver light with a distinct rotating red light above it. Mrs. Le Fevre said she first saw the object about 6.45 p.m. while she was taking in her washing from the back yard clothes line.

"It was hovering at first then it suddenly shot up into the sky. It was like a falling star but going upwards", Mrs. Le Fevre said. She said she was startled by the object and called her husband. Mr. Le Fevre said the object made the upward motion twice before descending slowly towards the horizon towards Deloraine.

"It looked as though it was going to land", he said. "It was as big as the brightest star in the sky with a red light revolving - much like an ambulance light. I could see it very clearly through binoculars and my rifle scope. I was amazed. I've never seen anything like it before"....

... "All I can say is I saw something that I know is not normal", he said. "I hope somebody else has seen it".

Launceston Police said they had one report of a sighting in the area. The Examiner had a number of other callers who reported seeing an object in the area.

LANDING TRACES IN CANADA?

From a news item supplied by a Canadian correspondent, W. Ritchie Benedict, of Calgary, Alberta:

Cooper, Ont. (CP) June 18, 1976 :-

A Toronto organisation says evidence collected by its researchers indicates that one or more unknown, unconventional aircraft are present in the area of this community about 35 miles north of Belleville. Reptune Research, a private group that investigates UFOs, sent researchers last weekend to the farm of Reginald Trotter, who reported that three large pieces of earth had been mysteriously displaced in a field sometime during the last week of April.

Harry Tokarz, co-ordinator of the research group, said members of the group found three large triangular-shaped holes in the field. Soil had been pulled from the depression to a depth of eight inches and placed neatly about 20 feet away, he said. Mr. Tokarz suggested the earth was displaced by a disc-shaped object at least 75 feet in diameter.

He said his group assumes some type of heavy aerial craft, possibly fitted with a tripod form of landing gear, moved the chunks of earth as it attempted to land on an angle in the field.

Mr. Tokarz said rock and soil samples have been recovered from the field and have been submitted for analysis. The group sends its samples to private laboratories because it is conducting private investigations, he said.



THE SPANISH GENERAL SAW A UFO

(Brisbane Sunday Mail, 25/7/76)

Madrid - Reports by a senior military officer and a doctor that they have seen unidentified flying objects in Spain have made officials at the Spanish Air Ministry sit up and take note. The two reports only add to a bulky file at the Ministry, but doubtless they are at the top for generals are not normally regarded as crackpots.

General Carlos Castro Caverio, chief of the Canary Islands air division, sent in his report after recently seeing a flying object hovering above the village of Sabada in eastern Spain for more than an hour. He said the "OVNI" (Spanish for UFO) was "brilliant and remained stationary in the air" and then "flew to Egea De Los Caballeros 20 km away".

What convinced the general that it must have been a kind of extraterrestrial object was the fact that he claims it covered the 20 km distance between the villages in just two seconds. That works out to be about 36,000 km an hour.

Then a few days later Dr. Francisco Julio Padron, who also works in the Canary Islands, said he saw "an unusually perfectly round sphere, silhouetted by a greyish blue light, about 12 metres in diameter". The doctor was driving along a road on the island with his radio on when he saw two very tall figures dressed in brilliant red inside the sphere. The radio fell silent as the sphere got nearer and then landed on a house roof, taking off again for Tenerife.

The general, relaxing his stiff military upper lip, told Spanish newspapers after the incident: "As a general I hold the same opinion as the Ministry of Aviation, but personally I think that these unidentified flying objects are extraterrestrial spaceships". The Air Ministry refused to issue any statement about the increasing number of reports.

Miguel, a farm worker in southern Spain, said he was chased along a country road earlier this year by a UFO "shaped like a huge telephone booth and topped by a fierce light". He was found unconscious by the side of the road and treated in hospital for several days for shock. Miguel claims that he ran like hell when he saw the object and fell over. "The object followed me and landed. Two 210 cm tall men dressed in something like black frogmen suits got out", he said. Miguel fainted after he said the UFO took off and smothered him with black smoke. The hospital confirmed that Miguel's hands and face were stained black when he was brought in.

Another Spaniard who ended up in hospital for treatment was Adrian Sanchez from Seville. His vision was even more spectacular for he claims he saw a UFO larger than a jumbo jet. He told a TV chat show that he always used to laugh when people talked about UFOs but that the smile was on the other side of his face when he experienced his sighting.

The Air Ministry has not yet ordered a thorough investigation, although there are reports that air force jets have been used to try to get a close look at objects.

Cynics can easily dismiss the reports as the work of drinking too much cheap Spanish wine and lying in the sun. But the fact remains that the Ministry's file is getting thicker.

REPORTS FROM AMERICA

Near Stanford, Kentucky: Jan. 6, 1976: Night - a large blimp-shaped object intercepted a car with three women passengers. The object, with red lights all the way around it, started coming down the road towards them, swerved to the right of the car, made a half circle and came in behind the auto. When they turned to look at the craft the intensity of the lights gave all of them headaches. Suddenly, the trio realised they were no longer in control of their automobile. They felt like something was pulling back on their car. The speedometer showed they were travelling 85 mph, but the driver's foot was not on the accelerator. Then, all of a sudden, the women found themselves in Hustonville. None of them could remember travelling the area between the two towns. "It was like something had picked us up in Stanford and set us down in Hustonville". When the women arrived back in Liberty, they saw it was 1.25 a.m. It had taken the women more than two hours to travel to Liberty from Stanford, normally a 45 minute trip. Two of the women also had burns on the backs of their necks.

Reports of Creature Sightings Puzzle Authorities The Cascade County, Montana Sheriff's Department, which has been actively investigating reports of UFO sightings and cattle mutilations throughout the county for several months, now finds itself facing new and even more puzzling reports. These reports are of large, hairy creatures which have been sighted in the vicinity where airborne objects, which emit a bright pulsating light, have appeared to land. The UFOs have been spotted by residents and law enforcement personnel. The description of the creatures seen in the county are of a humanoid, ranging in size from five to seven feet, with an ape-like face and long arms and completely covered with dark brown hair. According to a captain in the Sheriff's Department: "We also are trying to determine if there is any correlation between these creatures, the UFOs which have been sighted in the same area for the past months and the cattle mutilations which have been reported in the county during the past year". The captain said the UFOs, which have been seen at distances as near as 300 yards, have been described as small as 15 feet in diameter to as large as a two storey building with several rows of windows. He said the UFOs, all of which are reported as emitting an extremely bright light, have been seen on the ground, moving at low altitude and hovering over the ground.

South of Great Falls, Montana: Feb. 22, 1976; 10 a.m.: A 29 year old man, motoring on Interstate 15, sighted a large humanoid creature walking in a field about a quarter mile from the highway. The man stopped his car, climbed through a fence, and began running after the creature. When he closed to within about 800 feet, the creature stopped walking and, lowering his arms, turned to face his pursuer. Making no attempt to hide his fright, the witness immediately reversed course and ran back to his car. The creature made no menacing gesture.



"I was carrying a .357 magnum pistol. But when he turned around, I felt completely defenceless". The man said the creature was about 7 feet tall with shoulders at least three feet wide. The creature was described as being "solid and mucular", although he did not get close enough to determine if it were covered with hair. The witness said the creature's size, length of stride and manner of walking were distinctive. "It was no human". The man said he also saw a grey oval shaped object hovering in the air about a half mile from the highway. He noticed the UFO while chasing the creature. It hovered only about 10 feet above the ground but periodically rose and dropped another 15 feet.

Near Flintville, Tenn: April 12, 1976, 9.30 p.m.: A large hairy creature with claws and a scream "like a hysterical woman" walked up to the back door of a home and, according to two adult witnesses, "reached out and slapped at" a four year old boy. The creature was described as nearly 7 feet tall, about 300 pounds, with long shaggy hair and long toenails. "They were standing in the back door, and the thing reached out and slapped at the boy then ran away". The boy's mother jerked her son inside and slammed the door.

French Report on UFOs: After 25 years of study, the French Air Force has concluded that UFOs may be real, but present no known threat to France. The origin of the phenomenon remains apparently unsolved, but the UFOs (if they exist) could come from other planets. The report in the Defence Ministry's journal on the findings of a special research unit set up in 1951 admits that it can "only state the present inability of science to decide one way or the other. The mystery remains". The Air Force found 80% of the sightings explainable. It is among the other 20% that the doubt remains.

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#### MAUBEUGE, FRANCE : "DISC WITH PORTHOLE"

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It was September 26, a Friday, and night had fallen. It was 9.40. A young man, Mr. X...., visiting his friends at Assevent, was about to return home; while entering his car a light caught his attention, or rather a ghostly glow, and it was not "Moonlight in Maubeuge".

No. A luminous object was glowing with an unreal brightness. A sort of long cigar. Intrigued, he called his friends - it could not be the sun rising at this hour of the night, as a neighbour claimed, before retiring prudently into his house.

The two friends set out in their car towards the objective, which appeared to be about 3 or 4 km away. About 500 metres from their goal, between the communes of Assevent, Vieux Reng et Boussois, Stupeur, the vehicle stopped - more light - the motor cut out. Ten or so vehicles coming from the other direction underwent the same inexplicable breakdown. Their occupants left their paralysed vehicles. Mr. X. and his friend got out of their car and two other motorists joined them. Almost incredulous, they cut across the fields. One of them, an electronics engineer, officer in the Air Force, couldn't believe it...He estimated from observations of the landmarks, and this was confirmed by the Maubeuge Gendarmerie, that the object measured a minimum of 325 metres, of "classic" (lenticular) convex shape, coloured orange, but did not illuminate the surroundings. The stationary upper part seemed to be encircled with portholes diffusing a pale blue glow, while the lower part, also orange, was rotating anticlockwise.

One of the witnesses had taken a camera before setting off in the field; feverishly he "shot" the object; but his lens was not set for night photos and the luminosity of the object was too great : no image appeared on development of the film (Nikon camera, 125 ASA film)

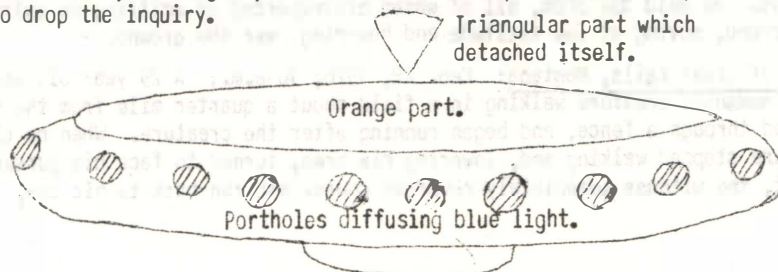
With amazement, they suddenly saw a golden coloured cone detach itself from the top of the "machine", rise suddenly several metres, and take off towards Bersillies-Villers Sire-Nicole.

After about 10 minutes of "promenade", the cone returned smoothly and settled back into the "machine". A fear - could one say irrational? - seized the witnesses with immobility. And suddenly, very quickly, perhaps taking 5 seconds, the whole phenomenon rose and disappeared to become nothing more than a point in space. A light glow remained for several minutes at the site of the near landing (The object seemed to be in "levitation" at an altitude according to varying estimates of from 5 to 20 metres) then disappeared.

As if awakening from a bad dream, the spectators reentered their vehicles. The engine trouble had disappeared, car-radios were working, engines running, everything had returned to normal. Strangely, a dog, also a witness, accustomed to car travel, refused to enter, howling obstinately. Immediately they departed, some towards the Gendarmerie, others returning home.

The usual work done in these cases was carried out, interviews, trace analysis, examination of the terrain (maize crops and ploughed fields), but they gave no result. No trace of the presence of the object (burn marks on the ground or surrounding trees) was revealed. As for investigations carried out by official bodies, we have learned from well-informed sources that, once again, a blackout has been put on this unique event. The local Gendarmerie have appeared to drop the inquiry.

The Maubeuge object





OKAY, UFOS ARE HERE - BUT WHY?

By P.M.H. Edwards

Dr. Edwards is an associate professor in the Department of French language at the University of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. He began researching the UFO phenomenon 30 years ago, and has been a frequent contributor to UFO journals around the world. When he started to investigate ufology he expected that a solution would be found. "Today, we are still puzzled as to the origin of these craft, as to their propulsion methods, their occupants, their techniques, and their motives. As France's leading ufologist, M. Aime Michel, once wrote, contrary to the belief of the ill-informed public, we are in possession of a great deal of information about the UFOs, and some of this is of the greatest precision. But the ultimate facts which we all desire to know still elude us". Edwards, who has interviewed UFO witnesses in various countries and examined landing sites, said that at first he was intrigued and excited by the possibility that alien people may be visiting this planet. Now "I'd just as soon rather not think about it. They are dangerous and frightening. I wish they would go away". Edwards gained his B.A. in Russian and Polish from the University of British Columbia, his M.A. in political science from Columbia, a Ph.D. in linguistics from the University of Pennsylvania. He went to UVic in 1964 after teaching for six years at the University of Otago, New Zealand. The article originally appeared in the University of Victoria's newspaper, "The Ring", January 14, 1976.

It is now not quite as hard as formerly to discuss ufology with the public; for, today, there are more open-minded people who are aware that something is going on in our skies, than there were a decade ago. It is no longer necessary to convince people of the existence of these craft; the main objections to overcome are such typical questions as "why don't they contact our leaders?" and "how can they come here from another inhabited planet, given the enormous distances and the probability that the speed of light may be the greatest possible velocity attainable?"

Of course, such questions must remain unanswered at present. We are faced with the fact of their presence; how they got here is a matter that is useless to toss around, for no one knows the answers. What is very important, however, is the motive for such invasions of our air space.

At first, I was of the opinion that the ufonauts were simply curious visitors from another solar system. I wish this were the whole story, but it isn't. The facts are plain to anyone who delves into the published evidence, and who interviews the thousands of witnesses: a reconnaissance is being carried out (we know not by whom, or for what reason). It is gathering momentum; samples of minerals, flora, fauna and humans (as well as animal blood in quantities), are being regularly taken away by the beings; mostly along certain straight lines that circle the globe; and many of the witnesses are displaying symptoms indicative of mental or psychological tampering, while others are dying.

Often, UFOs are seen during freak lightning storms; and a great number of electrical blackouts have occurred just as unidentified craft were sighted passing over those vicinities. It has also been noticed, over the years, that the UFOs show an interest in reservoirs and freshwater lakes, radio antennae, electric power transmission lines, ancient burial mounds and modern cemeteries, and school playgrounds where children are congregated. One has only to read the accumulated evidence, to notice that these things attract them. Note also, that the UFO which, at 5 a.m. on a New Year's morning some five or six years ago, was hovering by a window at the Cowichan District Hospital in Duncan, B.C., was concentrating on what was happening in the children's ward.

It is, to me, the mental or psychological effects in certain witnesses that apparently contain a most important clue. It is believed that if a person is subjected to a strong electromagnetic force-field, his SSP (Suprasensory Perception, known less correctly as ESP) will be triggered artificially. The UFOs seem to be surrounded by such a force-field, for they have on countless occasions stalled the motors of cars, extinguished the headlights and radios, and even drained the batteries, leaving the tops of the latter sometimes in an almost liquid state. Some witnesses even reported that metal objects, such as the rings on their fingers, became intolerably hot, until the UFO sped off. Train crews have repeatedly reported that the presence of an UFO impeded radio communication between locomotive and caboose. Thus it could be inferred that when a witness displayed certain symptoms of clairaudience, of clairvoyance, or of telepathy (i.e., psychic, or SSP powers), this might be a by-product of a force-field surrounding an unidentified craft in the vicinity. (There are also times when, apparently, the UFO switches off this force-field, and hence has no effect on car engines, etc.) In areas of concentrations of sightings and landings, some people have reported psychic phenomena occurring at the time of the UFOs' visits, and poltergeist infestations in some houses have occurred with great frequency, at such times and in such places. It has even been reported that sometimes a few people displayed symptoms of demonic possession.

For this reason, investigators have had to concern themselves seriously with the matter of tampering with people's brains: is it accidental, a mere by-product of the force-field, or can it be deliberate? If deliberate, this could mean that they are meddling with our affairs, and manipulating us for obscure reasons. This might have serious consequences for the whole planet: political, sociological and even religious.

One can almost hear some reader scoff at this point. And, uninformed as he may be, it is natural that he scoff. But, let him pause for a moment, while I remind him that I, too, was once a scoffer, years ago. It was not until one of my professors rebuked me for my ungrounded scepticism that I began to study the phenomenon. The attitude of a properly educated person in the face of the unexplained, should be that of inquiry, not of rebuttal. It is always the least-informed people who raise the strongest objections. In this enigma, especially, a little knowledge is a dangerous thing; the more one knows, the greater becomes one's humility. Fortunately for me, I came upon the first book by an excellent French scientist who was the first to see clearly that here is a problem that concerns our race, though it is one that the Establishment prefers to sweep under



the rug. Also, I came across all manner of ridiculous books; but, after discarding them, I was left with a hard core of scientifically orientated works by reputable writers, and with a colossal amount of evidence that could not be ignored by other than closed-minded people. Fortunately, there are many dedicated organisations around the world which are doing valuable research, publishing the dates, place-names, addresses of the witnesses and investigators where permission has been obtained, and keeping an eye on the witnesses for possible after-effects. They, at least, maintain an open mind, for which one is thankful.

One of the straight lines frequently travelled by the craft goes through northeastern France, through the cities of Bayonne and Vichy (hence it is known as the BAVIC line); this line passes by the famous Stone-Age caverns of northern Spain where exquisite paintings of animals and of UFOs are to be seen, and which have been carbon dated as 30,000 years old; it passes by Lourdes (southwestern France), Garabandal (Spain), Fatima (Portugal), and across Brazil (more cave paintings of UFOs), Paraguay, Chile, between the two main islands of New Zealand, through New Guinea and Formosa, across China and Russia, then back to northeastern France. There is at least one other such line, a complementary sine curve, which runs through the Isle of Barra (Hebrides), Coniston and Sheffield (England), East Anglia, then near Valenciennes (northeastern France), near Zeitoun (Cairo) and Kilmandjaro, and so on. These lines should, of course, be called "corridors".

The BAVIC corridor passes very close to Buenos Aires and the surrounding cities; and Bahia Blanca has witnessed more than its share of occurrences. In February 1975, a 24 year old man was walking home from work at 4 o'clock one afternoon, and he bought the afternoon newspaper; suddenly he was dazzled by an overpowering light, and he lost consciousness. On regaining his awareness, he was lying on a "table", and strange-looking beings with large eyes and no hair were trying to pull out some of his hair. He fainted again. When he finally became conscious again, he was found by the police, stumbling about the outskirts of Buenos Aires airport, some 800 km from where he had previously been walking homewards, still holding the afternoon newspaper. In his dazed condition, he was immediately placed under surveillance in a clinic, and his name is being withheld by the authorities. This case was sent to me by the professor of astronomy at the Universidad del Salvador in Buenos Aires, Rev. Benito Reyna, S.J., a distinguished selenologist. The same correspondent informed me, last month, that Ventura Macieras, now 77, who was twice visited by a hovering UFO near his cottage 500 km south of Buenos Aires in December, 1972, is still under surveillance because, from the time of his visitations, he has been becoming rejuvenated: his hair is growing back visibly, and a third set of teeth is appearing, and although his schooling did not exceed the first two years of primary school, he is now displaying a high I.Q. and is able to discourse on various topics of which he previously knew nothing whatever. This looks like psychological and/or mind tampering, to which I referred briefly at the beginning of this article. It seems this sort of mental meddling (whether accidental or deliberate) is constantly producing in some persons adverse effects, although in others the effect seems "favourable". Uri Geller, the young Israeli (who by stroking metal objects is said to be able to make them bend, and who is reported to have transferred this strange ability to some people in several countries at the moment that they were watching his pre-recorded programs for TV) claims he had a UFO contact in his childhood, and that this gift of his is favourable - at least, it enables him to make money! I am, of course, aware of the adverse criticisms levelled at Geller by "magicians and conjurors", who say they can duplicate virtually all his tricks. Observe the word "virtually", however; because one fact remains still undisputed, so far as I know: some metal objects continue to bend after Geller has ceased to touch them; this is indeed hard to duplicate! But are these effects truly favourable in the long run? It surely is legitimate to ask what good can come of such aberrations. Cui bono?

And then there is the well-publicised incident involving Capt. L. Coyne, a US Army helicopter pilot who, with his crew of three, were gripped in a kind of gravitational field by a colossal UFO near Mansfield (Ohio) on October 18th (probably 1972), as reported in the Sep-Oct. 1973 Bulletin of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organisation, Tucson, Arizona. At 1500 feet, his copter was flooded with a dazzling green light from the enormous craft that had approached him on a collision course at about 800 mph. It then hovered silently over him for a few seconds, during which the crew could see no markings or portholes - just a dull grey metallic hull, a very few yards above their heads, in ponderous silence. Suddenly, the UFO moved off at an incredible speed, without accelerating thereto, still in total silence; and Capt. Coyne's altimeter indicated an altitude now of 3,800 feet, a sheer impossibility for that helicopter under its own power. A full report was made by the four men as soon as they landed at their base. But why did the UFO swoop on the copter, insoect it for a few seconds, raise it to 3,800 feet from 1500 feet, only to leave as fast and as mysteriously as it had come? Again; Cui bono?

It is manifestly impossible to bring the reader up to date in a brief article; the literature one has been perusing since 1947 contains such a wealth of evidential detail that I am obliged to refer readers to it directly. At the Library of Congress, Lynn Catos compiled in 1967 a 401 page bibliography on ufology for the US Air Force (AFOSR 68-1656). Today such a bibliography would be about four times that size. And today there still remains in force a US regulation prohibiting government personnel from discussing UFOs with the general public; the penalties are severe. But nevertheless I can close by hinting at my constantly developing views of the enigma: each new case of landing and/or contact brings new details. The picture that is emerging, so far as I can see, seems to be as follows:

1. There appears to be a marked increase in the frequency and geographical distribution of ufological incidents.
2. People, animals, flora, fauna, minerals, continue to be taken, mostly along the main sine curves mentioned previously, which are corridors.
3. Water and electricity are being drained by the craft.
4. An alarming number of animal mutilations continues to be reported; the carcasses are totally drained of blood, although no blood is found in the vicinity. They have been surgically mutilated, all in a similar manner, numerous organs being removed. Hovering lights are seen nearby.



5. Symptoms resembling demonic possession, as well as poltergeist infestations, are occurring in "UFO flap" areas, i.e., where there have been concentrations of sightings and/or landings. It seems that all the psychic healers and psychic surgeons began their careers with either the apparition of a brilliant entity in their homes, or with a visitation from a UFO entity. Such psychic healers can only operate when in trance.
6. It is possible, judging by the evidence, which is plentiful, that there may be a certain demonic element which can be mimicking ordinary UFOs, performing feats that closely resemble certain supranormal Biblical events; such incidents produce adverse effects in witnesses, as a rule.
7. It is also probable that we are being visited by extraterrestrials who may have established bases on Ganymede or Io (satellites of Jupiter), on Mars and/or on our moon, from which to observe, visit and sample us. Although these apparently harmless visits either produce favourable effects (or, at least, have no undesirable effects) in the witnesses, it is felt that ufonauts cannot necessarily be judged after the effects which they produce in human witnesses; harmful effects need not of themselves indicate demonic motivation. But knowing as little as we do about the occupants and their motives, it is natural that we should, at this stage, tend to assign evil intentions to those whose visits caused physical or psychic injury to the witnesses, and vice versa. It seems that most of the aliens behave in a "dangerously neutral" manner towards human beings; no true correlation can yet be established between the types of craft and pilots, and the effects which they produce. It is therefore unfortunate that certain committed Christians seem - without studying the matter - to have adopted an a priori belief that all UFOs are emanations of "the devil". All that one can say at this time is that a good deal of evidence eloquently points in another direction most of the time. If a demonic power is to be invoked to explain UFOs, then I would suggest that this be reserved for the cases which, while seemingly pointless, have left undesirable effects on witnesses, with especial emphasis on psychic effects, rather than purely physical injuries; and there are admittedly many cases of this kind in the literature.
8. The locations of the alleged appearances of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima, Garabandal, Lourdes, Beauraing (Belgium), Zeitoun (Cairo), Beirut (Lebanon), Little Walsingham (Norfolk, Eng.), Wisconsin, etc., all fall along or close to the corridors travelled by most of the UFOs, as established long ago by Aime Michel's studies in Orthoteny. It should perhaps be noted that Beirut lies remarkably close to "the road to Damascus" on which St. Paul experienced his vision, variously described in the Acts of the Apostles (IX 3-7; XXII 6-11; XXVI 13-18). At Little Walsingham in England, close to the Barra-Sheffield Valenciennes corridor, the Church of England maintains a healing shrine dedicated to Our Lady, in much the same sort of manner as is the case of the Roman Catholic shrine at Lourdes - albeit a far quieter and less-known spot.
9. The incident at Pascagoula (Miss.), about two years ago, involving Hickson and Parker who were allegedly taken for a short while into a strange hovering craft for an inspection of their bodies, is being disputed on the grounds that there was a man very close by who saw nothing at all. However, this detail could lend weight to the theory; because many ufological incidents, and Marian apparitions too, took place in the presence of people that always seem to fall into four categories: those that saw and heard, saw only, heard only, and neither saw nor heard.\*

If we wish to arrive, some day, at a solution of this world-wide problem, we must not neglect a single shred of evidence, however unpalatable it may be, however unwelcome it may appear in the light of our inherited prejudices and beliefs. And, a great deal of courage will be required, because if and when the truth eventually confronts us, it will undoubtedly be staggering.

\*Cf. the countless cases where some witnesses saw light, others did not, in ufology. Here's an interesting report: Aug 1, 75, Antofagasta, Chile: many witnesses saw brilliant UFO pass westwards towards the ocean, brightly illuminating all the landscape; some of the witnesses, however, reported they saw NO light, but felt a burning sensation (Lumieres dans la Nuit, France, Nov. 75). A pregnant clue.

(VUFORS is a research organisation and espouses no final opinion on the origin of the UFO phenomenon. The views expressed in this article are those of the author alone)

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#### WOMAN CLAIMS "DISSECTED LIKE FROGS" ON UFO

(Toronto Sun, 13/2/76)

Chicago (UPI) - A Fargo, N.D. woman claims she and two others were abducted by an alien creature last August and "dissected like frogs", the director of the Centre for UFO Studies says. "She claims to have been abducted" said J. Allen Hynek, a Northwestern University astronomy professor. "I said claims".

Sandy Larsen, 32, said she, her daughter Jackie, 15, and Jackie's boyfriend were taken aboard a UFO which landed near Fargo last Aug. 26, and were given a complete medical examination, Hynek said. Hynek was present last month in Fargo when Mrs. Larsen was hypnotised and questioned about the incident.

Mrs. Larsen said they were driving on a highway 40 miles west of Fargo when they heard a loud noise and saw "a series of 8 to 10 glowing round objects lined up in the sky, descending toward earth". Frightened, she stopped the car. After the objects disappeared, she drove to a nearby service station and discovered it was an hour later than she thought. Under hypnosis, Mrs. Larsen said a creature "with elastic bandages for a head, or elastic bandages around its head", subjected her and her daughter's boyfriend to "a complete medical exam... stripped naked and all parts of the body examined...even our heads were opened and all parts of our brains looked at...we were dissected like frogs".



UFO CONFERENCE TWO

To coincide with a total eclipse of the sun due for the afternoon of Oct. 23, the second national conference of Australian UFO researchers will be held in Mt. Gambier, S.A., on Oct. 24, 25 and 26. Following the success of the first conference of this type, which was held in Oct. 1975 at Terrigal, NSW (See Nov. 75 Bulletin), participants at "UFOCON TWO" will have further opportunity for discussions and exchange of ideas aimed at systematizing and improving UFO research in Australia. Representatives from VUFORS will be attending.

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